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Plane News Progress Report – Let Us Know How We’re Doing!

In order to better serve our readers, we're asking for your feedback. Please take a couple minutes to complete this brief (7) question survey regarding *Plane News*.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HKSCQ5Q>

Many thanks!

The Editor

What’s happening at the “Not New, But Improved” Gillespie Café



As of March 1st, Gillespie Café is under new management. [Peter and Roxanne Oliver](#), new owners, are updating the menu to include fresher foods and healthier options. However, the café will continue to offer traditional comfort foods that customers have come to expect. Other items are already available, such as new daily soup selections, improved salad ingredients, Philly Cheese sandwiches and a Center Cut Top Sirloin Steak sandwich ‘that you can cut with a butter knife’. The new website will offer daily specials and a new "To Go" menu for those aviators on the fly: <http://gillespiecafe.com/>



The former weekend chef, John, has been hired on full time and is employing a new method of cooking and healthier presentation of menu items. Plans are in the works for evening entertainment starting this summer, and beer and wine sales are expected in the coming months as well. Come by and have a bite to eat at the “Not New But Improved” Gillespie Café, located under the tower at 2015 N. Marshall Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020.

"Quality Ingredients and a Family Friendly Atmosphere"

Gillespie Café: *"A Great Place to Land"*

619-448-0415

Open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (7 days per week)

[Long Awaited SR-52 Extension Brings Improved Visibility to Gillespie Field](#)



The SR 52 freeway extension through Santee into East County opened to motorists on March 29, 2011. A grand opening celebration was held on March 19, 2011. Several of Gillespie's pilots

conducted a ceremonial fly-over in two biplanes, two sail planes and several others to the amusement of thousands of people attending the event. This project extended the freeway to improve traffic flow on SR 52 from I-15 east to SR 67 and is expected to relieve Mission Gorge vehicle congestion.



Gillespie Field now has first class roadway accessibility from several freeway exits and entrances. Also, the City of Santee is in the planning stages of a Prospect Avenue redevelopment project. Between a revamping of Prospect Ave. and the opening of the 52, the businesses on and around Gillespie Field have the potential to bring in a lot more business and drive more revenue into the communities surrounding Gillespie Field.





Show Me the (FAA Grant) Money!

Gillespie Field Taxiways C and D Reconstruction and McClellan-Palomar Airport Runway 6/24 Rehabilitation. What do both projects have in common? In 2009, these projects received grant

funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program.

Grant funding is critical to airport capital improvement projects. Periodically, discretionary grant funds become available toward the end of the federal fiscal year because some airports in the region are unable to complete projects. Discretionary grant funds were used for the aforementioned projects.

In addition, entitlement grants are funds set aside by the FAA each year for qualifying airports and may be used to support some operations and capital projects. Borrego Valley, Fallbrook Airpark, Gillespie Field and Ramona Airport are entitled to claim approximately \$150,000 each on an annual basis for qualifying work. Palomar Airport is entitled to approximately \$1,000,000 annually for qualifying work because it is a commercial airport with scheduled airline services.

For Fiscal Year 2010-11, County Airports is off to a good start! County Airports has received approximately \$3M from FAA for various projects ranging from the Palomar Airport Aviation Access Road to the Borrego Valley Runway Safety Area (RSA) Improvements. By June 30, 2011, County Airports anticipates receiving an additional \$7 million for other airport improvement projects.

The County's relationship with FAA is important on many levels. FAA's continued financial support of airport improvement projects helps to fulfill the County's strategic initiative to promote safe and livable communities for public benefit.

Assaggio's Ristorante Italiano - - It's Worth the Trip!



Have you ever noticed something tastes better if you know you won't have it again for a while? Come see for yourself at Assaggio's Ristorante Italiano at Borrego Valley Airport. Once summer makes an appearance in Borrego, residents batten down the hatches, switch on the AC and settle in for a pretty warm several months. Assaggio's is no different – this year the doors close on June 1st. But don't worry, they reopen September 15 once the weather cools down.



Fly on in or take a scenic drive into Borrego. Assaggio's offers a generous menu of Italian favorites found here: <http://www.assaggioitalian.com/menu.html> To start your meal, enjoy a cold antipasti salad or Pasta Fagioli soup. Wet your whistle at the full bar. For your meal, savor the Eggplant Parmesan, Veal Marsala or Shrimp Scampi. Assaggio's is located west of the administration building on Palm Canyon Drive.



Assaggio's Ristorante Italiano: It's Worth the Trip!

760-767-3388

Open 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tues-Sun

Open 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday

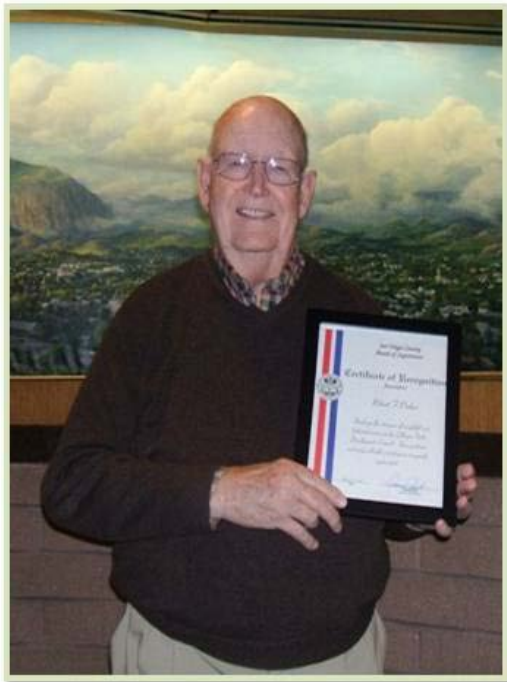
County Airports Earns Public Works Project of the Year Award, from PublicCEO

The runway at Palomar Airport was 15 years old when engineers discovered the potential for catastrophic failure. That's when the County decided to begin renovating the surface. The scale of the project was impressive. Not only was the surface nearly a mile long, at 150ft wide, it was half as wide as a football field. And when you combined all the layers of asphalt and concrete, the surface was 23 inches thick.

This new runway compliments a new, 18,000 square foot passenger terminal at the airport, and that makes McClellan-Palomar Airport an invaluable asset to Carlsbad and San Diego County. On time and on budget; just two of the qualities that helped make the runway renovation at McClellan-Palomar Airport the PublicCEO Public Works Project of the Year.

Read full story: <http://publicceo.com/index.php/local-governments/151-local-governments-publicceo-exclusive/2739-publicceo-local-government-awards-public-works-project-of-the-year>

Gillespie Field Development Council Says “Happy Trails” to A Founding Member



Bob Parker poses with his Recognition Certificate from the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors for his faithful volunteer service to San Diego

County Airports.

After 34 years on the Gillespie Field Development Council (GFDC), Bob Parker said “sayonara” and rode his horse into the sunset. While we welcome the new members of GFDC, Bob Davison and Jeff Swiney, we’d like to take this opportunity to thank Bob and let him know there will be never be another member who can fill his cowboy boots.



Pete Drinkwater, Director of County Airports, presents Bob Parker the "Inspiration Light of Service" for his 34 years of enlightened guidance.

Bob is a founding member of GFDC and was instrumental in the development of the industrial parks, project approval for Forrester Creek and Cajon Air Center, as well as multitudinous leases that have benefited the airport system.



From left to right: Bob Davison, Barry Bardack, Bob Parker, Phyllis Trombi, Cliff Leary - GFDC says "farewell" to Mr. Parker.

Happy trails, Bob!

Practical Storm Water

As airport tenants know, storm water pollution prevention is always a hot topic. Like any industrial facility, and that's what airports are in the 'world of storm water', we are bound by storm water regulations. The best way to avoid putting pollutants into the storm water system is by the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The good news here is that it boils down to common sense and basic good housekeeping. Outlined below are some very simple BMPs which cover the storm water issues we most commonly find on our airports. None of these BMPs are difficult or cost any money; they are simply good housekeeping:

- Do not store items outside uncovered. If items are in your hangar they are not a storm water issue.
- If items must be outside, even for a short period of time, they need to be on a pallet and covered with a tarp.
- Keep outdoor trash dumpster lids closed.
- Do not leave mechanical parts on an aircraft exposed outside.

Abiding by this short list will eliminate a large number of the 'fix it' items County Airports receive when we are inspected each year.

What's New with Maintenance?



Recent Airports Maintenance activity at Agua Caliente has included installation of a new vehicle gate that is functional while blending in with the local surroundings.

22nd Wings of Freedom Tour at Palomar Airport

The Collings Foundation will once again make McClellan-Palomar Airport one of its stops during the 22nd Annual Wings of Freedom Tour. A B-17, B-24 and P-51 are expected to arrive on May 2 at 1330 hrs, and depart May 4 at 1330 hrs. The aircraft will be parked at Western Flight. Walking tours of the aircraft are \$12.00 per adult and \$6.00 for children under 12. You can book a ride on the B-17 or B-24 for \$425.00 per person.



For more information visit the Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom Tour website:
www.collingsfoundation.org

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